



## **CITY OF EL PASO TREE BOARD**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008 @ 3:30 P.M.**

**2 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 6TH FLOOR**

**CONFERENCE ROOM**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Members Present**

Oscar Mestas, Chair  
Lewis Wright  
Lois Balin  
Mark Benitez  
James Tolbert  
John White

#### **Members Absent**

David Morales  
Wynn Anderson

#### **Staff Present**

Joel McKnight, Assistant Director  
Parks & Recreation Department  
Brent Pearson, Street Department  
Lucy Calderon, Recording Secretary

**Late Arrivals/Early Departures:** Raymond Bader arrived at 4:05 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman, Oscar Mestas at 3:34 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2008 made by John White; seconded by Mark Benitez; all in favor; motion carried. Motion to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2008 made by James Tolbert; seconded by Lewis Wright; all in favor; motion carried.**
3. **Discussion and Information on Fall Arbor Day Celebration:** Arbor Day Celebration Program was handed out to all board members; invitations have been mailed out and the certificates are being made and will be ready for the celebration. Brent Pearson stated that this year there will be 26 trees to be planted donated from the Memorial Tree Program. When asked how the celebration might grow, Joel McKnight suggested a spring celebration lends itself to better participation from schools because of timing of National Poster Contest and ability to leverage National Arbor Day marketing.
4. **Discussion and Information on Status of Storm Water Management Board:** Mark Benitez stated that the Storm Water Management Board went on tour to the central infrastructure system starting at McKelligon Canyon down to Sabata pumping stations showing where the majority of Bond money is to be used. The next meeting will be October 29, 2008 asking for input in terms of land use management.

5. **Discussion and Information on Goals and Objectives for Tree Board: Motion made to set up a Subcommittee for Goals and Objectives made by James Tolbert; seconded by Mark Benitez; all in favor; motion carried.** Volunteers for Subcommittee on Goals and Objectives include Oscar Mestas, Mark Benitez, James Tolbert and Lewis Wright.
6. **Discussion and Information on Changes to the Tree Care Ordinance and Code: No Changes Given**
7. **Discussion and Action on Modification to Tree and Plant List: None Given**
8. **Open Comment Period:** Proclamation for Arbor Day will be read at the October 21, 2008 City Council meeting. James Tolbert, Mark Benitez and Lewis Wright will be attending City Council for the Proclamation.
9. **Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.**